

Patent Application Number: 09/164,293 Attorney's Docket No. <u>028870-131</u>

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of) HAND DELIVER	
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LETTER TO THE EXAMINER AFTER ACCEPTANCE OF PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM ISSUE AND CONDITIONAL REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

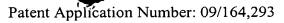
Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby request consideration of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed January 25, 2001, in view of the Notice of Withdrawal from Issue under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(a), dated March 13, 2001. Since the application has been withdrawn from issue and a supplemental information disclosure statement with the required fee has been filed, Applicants respectfully request that the disclosure statement be considered and a new

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Applicants believe consideration of the disclosure statement is appropriate at this time since the application has been withdrawn from issue and only one Official Action on the merits had previously been issued. However, in an abundance of caution and in order to avoid possible inadvertent abandonment of the application, Applicants conditionally request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (RCE) and that the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement of January 25, 2001, be considered as the submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c). The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit



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Account 02-4800 for the required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) and any other necessary fees. Applicants' request is conditional in so far as an RCE is required to maintain the pendency of the present application.

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